

*via Tort Claims
(Claims)*

21 October 1947

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE EXECUTIVE FOR A & M

Subject: Claim of [REDACTED]

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1. Forwarded herewith is a memorandum for CIG dated 30 September 1947 signed by [REDACTED] constituting a claim against the United States Government arising out of an accident which occurred on 15 September 1947. [REDACTED] submitted a Report of Accident dated 19 September 1947 and attached three estimates from various Motor Companies. This Report is attached; also, statements attached from [REDACTED] driver of the CIG car involved in the accident with [REDACTED] car, together with a statement by [REDACTED] a passenger in the Government vehicle.

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2. [REDACTED] was assigned as Investigating Officer, and his report is attached. [REDACTED] states that in his opinion, after investigation, the driver of the Government vehicle was at fault in the accident. [REDACTED] points out, however, that after personal inspection of the vehicle owned by [REDACTED] that the damage to the right front bumper, bumper guard, and lower bar of the grill does not warrant replacement with new parts and, consequently, recommends the payment of \$25.00 as adjustment for a reasonable amount in settlement of this claim.

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3. It is the opinion of this office that this claim is an appropriate matter for determination by CIA under the provisions of the Federal Tort Claims Act, Title 28 U.S.C.A., Chapter 20. Further, it is the opinion of this office that damage to the personal property of the claimant was caused by the negligent act of an employee of the Government while acting within the scope of his employment under circumstances where the Government if a private person would be liable to the claimant for such damage in accordance with the laws of the District of Columbia where the negligent act occurred.

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The matter is referred to your office for final action as the designee of the Director to determine and settle claims of this nature against the U. S.

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